

April, 2017



Belén
The Hub City

Mayor, Jerah Cordova

City Councilors:
Darleen Aragon
David Carter
Wayne Gallegos
Frank Ortega

City Manager
Leona Vigil
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Belen, NM 8702
505-966-2733

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City of Belen Names 2016 Employee of the Year

Roseann Peralta was named 2016 Employee of the Year.

Roseann serves as the Finance Director. She has worked for the City of Belen for 9 years. She earned this distinction by successfully operating the City's finances.



Roseann is pictured here with Belen City Manager, Leona Vigil & City Councilors Wayne Gallegos, Frank Ortega and Darleen Aragon.

2016 Employees of the Quarter named:

The employee of the quarter is a distinction awarded to an employee for outstanding work performance. The "Employee of the quarter" recipients are nominated by their co-workers.

1st quarter Julie Cervantes - Director Library

2nd quarter Leona Vigil-City Manager

3rd Quarter Christopher Martinez - Fire Fighter

4th Quarter- Dale Tafoya -Public Works Director

Congratulations !! 2016 Valencia County's Best of the Best Winners:



LEONA VIGIL
PUBLIC SERVANT

MANNY GARCIA
FIRE CHIEF



ENRIQUE "KIKI" VALDEZ
POLICE OFFICER



HARVEY HOUSE
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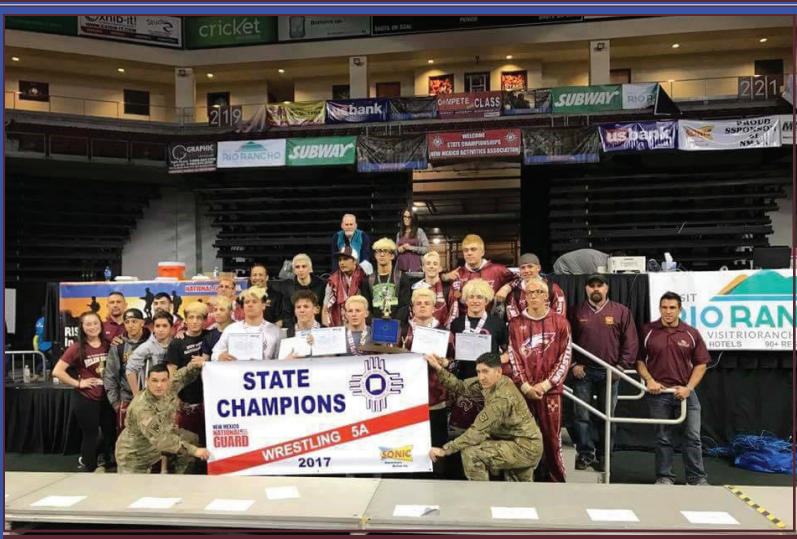
A number of projects have been completed this year by the City of Belen:

1. A dangerous curve on Mesa Road was removed just north of Aragon.
2. The Aragon Bridge received an upgrade with the addition of six LED street lights with provision for holiday lighting.
3. Old River Road experienced a resurfacing as well as a water-line replacement.
4. The parking lot behind the old army building was repaved, and four street lights were added.
5. The 60-year-old Eagle Water Tank was replaced and a drainage pond was constructed on North Camino.
6. The City added three lights to the baseball fields at Vivian Park.
7. Two drainage ponds were constructed at Camino del Llano and I-25 to capture the water coming off the mesa and to protect local businesses.
8. On Wisconsin, the City replaced water and sewer lines, improved the drainage and resurfaced the street.
9. The Waste Water Treatment Plant experienced an upgrade when two sludge beds were added to the treatment plant. The dried sludge is hauled off by local farmers to fertilize their fields.
10. Lastly, several improvements occurred at Eagle Park including fencing two basketball courts and resurfacing the tennis courts.

Several new projects are slated for 2017.

Thanks to Dale Tafoya and the Public Works Crew, and Tommy Flores and the Community Maintenance Crew..

Great Job guys.



BELEN HIGH SCHOOL-STATE CHAMPS

SHOP LOCAL !!!

Belen is proud of our Police and Fire Departments

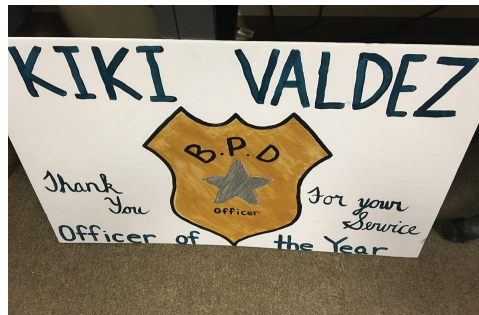


Officers Von Kutzleben and Gerald Espinoza recently received "Life Saving Awards."

BNSF Donated \$ 75,000 towards the purchase of 2 new police cars.

"Kiki" Valdez received the 2016 Valencia County's Best of the Best Officer award.

Neighborhood Watch is underway !!!



CITY OF BELEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY - HONOR - DUTY

SERVING OUR CITY SINCE 1921



At Saint Mary's we



Our First Responders

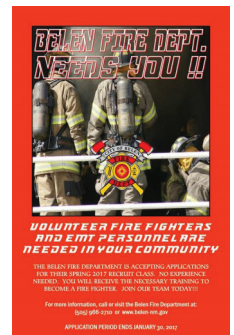
You are invited to a special Celebration in your honor at the Heart of Belen Monday, January 30th at 9 AM.



Thanks to the approval of the GO Bonds a new Fire Station will soon be built. Construction is scheduled to begin Spring 2017.

Students from St. Mary's Catholic School recently honored our First Responders.

Volunteer Fire Fighters are needed.

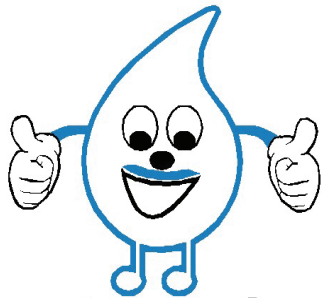


Willie Chavez State Park



We have received several calls from Citizens requesting that the City of Belen re-open the Willie Chavez State Park. We are in the process of reviewing the possibilities. We have formed a committee consisting of staff members from the City of Belen, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), Infinity High School, Whitfield Staff and City of Belen citizens. We are looking for volunteers to help clean it up and provide ideas as to what we want the park to look like. It's a great park in need of some TLC.

If you have any ideas, comments or requests please call us at 505-966-2733



got water?

Do your part, be water smart!

How to report a water break

Call 505-966-2730 8am-5pm

505-865-2039 5pm - 8am

Email alicia.godfrey@belen-nm.gov

or

mary.sanchez@belen-nm.gov

**Spring Irrigation : April 1st -September 30th,
Irrigation will only be allowed from
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. on all properties.**

After Hours

**AFTER HOURS
SERVICE CALLS
5pm-8am \$50.00**

Whenever a water technician is dispatched, at the account holder's request. A service charge shall be assessed, at the current adopted rate. Service calls between 8:00 am-5pm will be assessed a \$25.00 fee, after hours, weekend and holiday rates shall apply at the current adopted rate of \$50.00.

If your water is disconnected for non payment and you are not able to pay before 5 pm, you can request the after hours technician dispatched to turn the water back on. You will be charged the \$50.00 after hours service call on your next bill. If you choose not to pay this service fee you can call 505-966-2730 and leave a voicemail or you can email: alicia.godfrey@belen-nm.gov, or mary.sanchez@belen-nm.gov and your service will be restored the next business day.



Burn Permits

No burning shall take place during burn bans issued by the Fire Chief and /or the National Weather Service.

Burning without a permit could result in fines up to \$300.00, or no more than 90 days imprisonment, or both.

All burning must take place one hour after sunrise and cease one hour before sunset.

Burning on any street, curb, alley, sidewalk or public way, burning trash and/or the use of burn barrels are prohibited within the City of Belen.

Wood materials must be within one inch in diameter and less than four feet in length.

To obtain a burn permit please contact 505-866-2036 to determine if it is a valid burn day, and for additional instructions. Or you may contact the Belen Fire Dept @ 505-966-2714, or Email manuel.garcia@belen-nm.gov

How to report illegal dumping

Call 505-966-2789 8am-5pm

Email dwayne.pena@belen-nm.gov

Download the City of Belen App



A. It is unlawful to throw, place, dump or bury any cans, bottles, papers, trash, debris, rubbish, weeds, brush, branches or offensive matter in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place in the city of Belen.

B. It is unlawful to place any cans, bottles, papers, trash, debris, rubbish, weeds, brush, branches or offensive matter in the bed of any vehicle or upon a vehicle's trailer that is not bagged or otherwise fully covered and contained.

C. Any person, business, firm or corporation violating of this section, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each offense.

TRANSFER STATION

136 Calle de Baca

Tuesday—Saturday 8:00–5:00

(Weather Permitting)

Closed 12:00-12:30 for lunch

Dump Permit must be purchased at City Hall.

1 level truck bed and is \$5.79

For more information, please call 505-966-2730

City of Belen Transfer Station



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\$5.79	\$11.58	\$17.37	\$23.16	\$28.95
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\$34.74	\$40.53	\$46.32	\$52.11	\$57.90
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Recycle Center
Impala & N. Main Overpass

Wednesday 8:00-4:30

Saturday 8:00–11:30

Call 505-966-2730 for more information

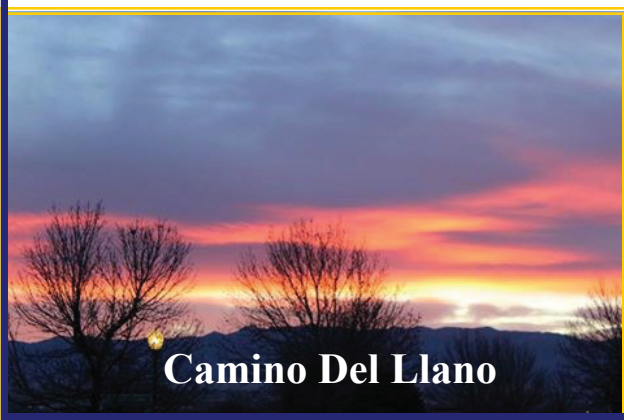




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The beauty of Belén
as captured by our
citizens.



Camino Del Llano



S. Main St.



Main & Reinken

Visit our Community Center

305 Eagle Park

505-966-2700

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-8 pm

Friday 8:00 am-5:00pm Saturday 8:00 am-12 noon

**Gym equipment/ Weight Room/Zumba/Pickle Ball/
Basketball & lots more..**

**The 2016 Buggs Lights and Miracle on Main Street
Events were amazing. Thanks to Brenda Gurule,
Julie Cervantes & Frances Zeller and the staff**



**33rd
Annual**

**St. Patrick's Day
Balloon Rallye
March 18th-19th**



Belen Public Library

505-966-2600

We're Open!

Monday-Thursday

10:00am to 6:00pm

Free Movies Thursday Nights at 6:00pm!

Friday- 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday-10:00am to 2:00pm

Sunday- Closed

Free public Wi-fi

45 public computers

(No library card needed to use computers)

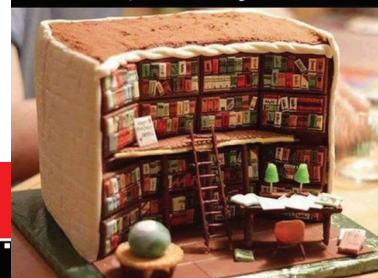
Copy & scanning services

Programs for Children, Teens & Adults

Thousands of books,

DVDs, Audio books, eBooks, & more!

OMG, its a library cake!



**FREE Thursday Night
MOVIES**

